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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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RE JOE PRESEL'S FUTURE PLANS, QUITE APART FROM THE STAFFING CONSIDERATIONS GIVEN IN MOSCOW 7917, JOE SAYS THAT HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO LEAVE HERE UNTIL AROUND SEPTEMBER. IF HE IS TO GET THE BUCHAREST JOB, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THERE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. IDEALLY, THAT WOULD MEAN THE PRESENT INCUMBEN LEAVING EARLY ENOUGH (I.E., 18 MONTHS EARLY) SO THAT PRESEL COULD GO BACK IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON FOR ROMANIAN TRAINING AND GET OUT TO BUCHAREST AT AROUND THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR. PRESEL APPRECIATES THAT THAT MIGHT BE AN IMPOSSIBLE SCENARIO, AND SAYS THAT HE WOULD GO TO BELGRADE IF IT WERE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ALLOW HIM TRAINING AND BUCHAREST AT THE RIGHT TIME. IN CASE IT WERE DECIDED TO ASSIGN HIM TO BELGRADE THOUGH, THE QUESTION THEN ARISES AS TO WHAT HIS WIFE WOULD DO. COULD JOE'S ORDERS BE ISSUED IN SUCH A WAY THAT SHE, TOO, COULD TRAVEL TO AND STAY (PERHAPS ON PARTIAL PER DIEM) IN BELGRADE WITH JOE? THIS IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION FOR THE PRESELS WHO HAVE NO HOUSE IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD NOT LIKE TO RENT ONE FOR FOUR MONTHS. AS TDY ORDERS ARE
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USUALLY WRITTEN, MRS. PRESEL COULD THEORETICALLY STAY ON HERE UNTIL THE END OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, BUT GIVEN THE CHRONIC HOUSING SHORTAGE, WE WOULD LIKE, WERE JOE TO LEAVE, TO PACK HIM UP AND GET SOMEONE ELSE MOVED IN. JOE'S EAGERNESS TO GO TO THE CSCE CONFERENCE WOULD BE FAR GREATER IF HE AND HIS WIFE COULD BE TOGETHER AND, EXPECIALLY, IF THERE WERE NO FINANCIAL SACRIFICE.

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